



## EDITORS' NOTE



We are happy to share another issue of *Asian Perspectives* (vol. 56, issue 1) as we enter the year 2017 with on-time production of the journal. We are grateful to all peer reviewers and contributors who have labored to meet deadlines quickly and with high-quality results through rigorous yet timely reviews as well as thorough and careful revisions. Yitzchak Jaffe continued to provide us invaluable editorial assistance in the management of the submissions and reviews.

Toward enhancing the journal's ease of use for a broad readership, a few aspects have changed in the format and presentation. For instance, abstracts and keywords now are presented at the beginning of each research article for the most visibility. To honor cultural preferences and ensure proper citation, we are taking care to clarify the family names of all authors and distinguish them from personal names in the Table of Contents and title pages. Furthermore, color graphics continue to be available in the online versions of the journal.

As part of ongoing efforts to increase the journal's efficiency, a system of online electronic management is now operating for all new articles and book reviews: <http://asianperspectives.msubmit.net/>. We encourage you to check the journal's official website for latest updates and author guidelines: <http://www.uhpress.hawaii.edu/t-asian-perspectives.aspx>.

Finally, we would like to inform our readers that our long-time proofreader, Nancy Knight, unexpectedly passed away this February. Nancy upheld the highest standards for *Asian Perspectives* as it went through many editorial and production staff transitions over the past decade. May she rest in peace.